Waiting list of telephone in Bangalore

383. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total waiting list of • telephones in Bangalore, as in February, 1995.

(by whether the Bangalore Telephones is committed to clear the entire waiting list upto 30th Jane, 1994, by the 31st March, 1995, as committed by the Hon' ble Minister;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the telephones in Bangalore will be available on demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): Total waiting list of Telephones in Bangalore as on 28 th February, 1995 is 50021.

(b) and (c) The proposal to provide telephones to those registered upto 30,6,94, by 3 .3.95 was subject to availability of material and financial res-sources. Necessary steps in this direction have already been taken and in many areas waiting list upto 30-6-94 has been cleared. In balance areas, it 5s expected to be cleared in coming months.

(d) National Telecom Policy 1994 envisages availability of Telephones on demand by 1997 throughout the country including Bangalore.

Waiting list of Telephone in the country

384. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to stale:

(a) what is the total waiting list of telephone in the country. State-wise;

(b) what is the total deposit received for new telephone connections during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(c) what is the total annual demand for new telephone connection in the country;

(d) what is the total anticipated demand for new telephone connections in the country by the year 2000; and

(e) what is the total investment required to meet this demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Total waiting list of telephones in the country, Statewise as on 31.12.1994 is given in Statement. *(See* below).

(b) Total deposit received for new telephone connections during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 is as below:—

Year	Deposited received is in Rs. Crores.
1992-93 . . .	309·76
1993-94 . . .	360.46
1994-95 . . . (Upto June, 1995)	372.05

(c) Total annual demand for new tele phone connections in the country regis tered during 1993-94 is 891623.

(d) Anticipated demand for new telephone connections by the year 2000' is expected to be 1,50,00,000.

(e) Total investment required to meet the demand is assessed to be of the

order of Rs. 60,000 crores.

Statement

State-wise waiting list as on 31-12-1994

S. No.	Circle/Unit	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	145936
2.	Assam	15425
3.	Bihar	35685
4.	Gujarat (including Dadar, Diu, Daman and Nagar Haveli)	235972
5.	Haryana	71050
6.	Himachal Pradesh	19752
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	21995
8.	Karnataka	133605
9.	Kerala (including Lakshadeep (UT)	342240
10.	Madhya Pradesh	61480
11.	Maharashtra (including Bombay & Goa)	334900
12.	North East (including Arunachal, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura)	6414
13.	Orissa	8383
14.	Punjab (including Chandigarh (U.T.).	204892
15.	Rajasthan	184286
16.	Tamil Nadu (including Pondicherry (U.T.)	340558
17.	Uttar Pradesh	134133
18.	West Bengal (including Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Island)	90371
19.	Delhi	196109
	TOTAL :	2583194

Private sector companies in telephone) services

385. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private sector companies which have been permitted to offer telephone services in the country, State-wise;

(b) how many of them have actually started the services and the places where viscg have been started;

(c) if not, when they are likely to start functioning and the plaees where they propose to start the services; and

(d) the names of Indian firms which have been given permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) Sir, Tenders for operating telephone service are to be opened on 30.3.95. Selected bidders will be licensed to operate service.